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**Inquiry:** I would greatly appreciate it if you can refer me to something in writing about setting apnea monitors in the homes. We are a DME company and RTs set the apnea monitors and the teaching. My question would be our involvement in downloading the monitors, etc.

**Response:** Section 3702 describes the practice of Respiratory Care as therapy, management, rehabilitation, diagnostic evaluation, and care of patients with deficiencies and abnormalities that affect the pulmonary system. Based upon that statement, I would include the set-up and instruction of apnea monitors as a function that requires a licensed practitioner. An unlicensed person with specific training to perform that function can accomplish downloading of information, once the monitor has been removed from the patient.

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*This determination does not constitute a declaratory decision under the comprehensive provisions of Government Code sections 11465.10 - 11465.70.*